

Harnett County Board of Health
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 26, 2017

The Harnett County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, January 26, 2017 in the Health Department Board Room, Harnett County Governmental Complex, 307 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington, North Carolina.

Members present: Dr. Auston “Trey” C. Williams, III, Chairman, Mrs. Patricia Chalmers, Vice-Chairwoman, Mr. C. Tyrus Clayton, Jr., Ms. Judy Herrin, RPH, Ms. Barbara McKoy, Dr. Nicholas Pennings, Dr. Laura Smith and Mr. John Rouse, Jr., Health Director.

Public Guest present: David Tillman, PhD and Mr. Jason Jones.

Others present: Debra Harris-Hawkins, Donna Surles, Gail Hobbs, Graham Byrd and Natasha Johnson.

Chairman Williams called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements – Mr. Rouse reported Ms. Amy Allen will not be attending tonight due to prior event at Campbell University. Ms. Emily Barefoot and Ms. Linda Sturdivant will not be attending tonight due to sickness. David Tillman, PhD, from Campbell University and Mr. Jason Jones a student guest will be attending tonight’s meeting.

Consent Agenda – Minutes – Motion made by Ms. Judy Herrin, RPH for the November 17, 2016 minutes to be approved as presented and seconded by Mr. C. Tyrus Clayton, Jr. Motion Carried.

Consider additions and deletions to the published agenda – None made.

Public Comment – Period of up to 30 minutes for informal comments allowing 3 minutes for each presentation – Chairman Williams opened the floor for informal comments by the public, allowing 3 minutes for each presentation up to 30 minutes. Seeing no one, Chairman Williams closed the informal comments.

Community Health Assessment – David Tillman, PhD presented a PowerPoint presentation Community Health Assessment which is a health assessment that identifies key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis. This document was produced through joint efforts of Campbell University Public Health program, Harnett Health and Health Department. The Health Department uses the Community Health Assessment to identify priority health issues and to plan interventions to build healthier communities. The data collected was compared with four peer counties which included Craven, Randolph, Johnston and

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Davidson counties and also state rates. At the end of the presentation Board of Health members participated in the survey using <http://bit.do/HarnettCHA> By the Board of Health participating in the survey, and ranking, this will help to assist with identifying priority areas for the Community Action Plans. From the Community Health Assessment (CHA) findings the next step is to develop a plan of action for addressing the health issues deemed as priorities.

Recommendation to Establish Fee – Gail Hobbs presented the following fee for an increase on established fees:

INCREASE

CPT CODE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED PRICE
90746	Hepatitis B- Adults (age 19 & over)	\$45.00 (price was \$40.00)

Motion to approve the increased fee from Dr. Nicholas Pennings and seconded by Ms. Patricia Chalmers. Motion Carried.

Health Director’s Report and Program Reports – Mr. John Rouse

- **General Assembly** – The General Assembly is back in session at this time. Dr. Randall Williams was serving as Deputy Secretary of Health Services with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and also serving as State Health Director, last day was on January 20, 2017. Dempsey Benton has been serving as interim secretary. The new DHHS Secretary will be Dr. Mandy Cohen and at this time the state does not have a designated Health Director. During the last General Assembly session money was designated to counties for Zika and mosquito control. In December the Division of Public Health decided that coastal counties will receive the majority of this funding. Ebola funds were received from federal funds in 2016, now that money will be used for Zika. These funds will be used to purchase larvicides for mosquito control.
- **Patient/Consumer Satisfaction Survey** – Mr. Rouse presented a PowerPoint presentation from the Patient/Satisfaction Survey Results 2016, the survey was conducted December 5th – 16th. The survey was distributed to all clinics including offsite clinics, community events and posted on the website. The results listed reasons patients chose to come to the Harnett County Department of Public Health. The results were based on all ages and ethnicity groups. Some of the comments provided involved hours of operation, locations and quality of care. The survey is done annually.

- **Financial Reports** – Mr. Rouse reviewed the Expenditure Summary from July – December 2016 and Revenue Summary from July – December 2016. Revenues and the grants are coming in as expected this year. We have experienced a delay in recouping flu vaccine payments from Medicare this year. Those claims had to be held until January 1, 2017 but have currently been billed. Revenue within our programs in the health department is doing very well at this time. Mr. Rouse provided a chart demonstrating the two quarters showing the amount of savings that insurance would have been billed for those services.

Clinical Report and Activity Summary – Donna Surles

- **Child Health** – Ms. Surles related clinic numbers decreased in December as shown in the activities summary report. This decrease was partially due to having to block some of the well child appointments to allow the Child Health staff to help cover the Family Planning and Adult Health general clinics. One of our newborn (NB) and postpartum (PPTN) home visiting nurses worked the Adult Health general clinic on Friday which accounted for the decrease in the home visiting numbers. We have been working to train one of the Home Health nurses to do these NB/PPTN visits which has been difficult with only two nurses covering Home Health. The home visiting schedules have been full in January and we hope those numbers continue to increase as the Home Health nurse is now fully trained and scheduling visits as well. We have a new contract interpreter, Iliana Vega who will work primarily in the Child Health clinic. She replaces our previous contract interpreter. A Child Health Advisory Board has been formed with their first meeting scheduled in February. The advisory board meets the requirements set forth in the Child Health Agreement Addendum and will focus on programs to improve children’s health. The program focus is “Reach out and Read.” Child Health is also collaborating with “Partnership for Children” to promote the “Imagination Library,” a grant funded program which supplies books monthly for children ages birth to 5 years.
- **Employee Clinic** – Ms. Surles states the clinic continues to receive good feedback from employees and family members. There were 165 Employee Clinic visits in December.
- **Immunization** – Ms. Surles reported numbers are average for this time of year. We will be administering Hepatitis A and B vaccines to the Angier Police Dept. on February 6, 2017. We administered close to 1,300 flu shot since September with only 40 adult flu vaccines remaining. We still have flu vaccine available for children. The state lab reported 65 positive flu cases since the season began in October with 13 of those being in the last week reported. The majority of those

cases were Type A. They reported 16 confirmed flu associated deaths this season mostly in patients age 65 and over.

- **Family Planning** – Ms. Surles related clinic numbers remain constant with Child Health providers covering this clinic. Child Health providers rotate in the Family Planning clinic each day and are assisted by a Child Health nurse who performs the history, education, dispensing of the birth control medication, or preps/assists for the Nexplanon insertion. We have hired a new mid-level provider, Rebecca Unger PA that we hope will begin by February 1, 2017. She will provide coverage for Family Planning clinic and will rotate across other clinics as well. We have had great success since we began offering the Nexplanon. Our providers have inserted 21 of the devices since October. We are now averaging about 10 a month with no complaints from clients who have received them. The state consultant was here January 25, 2017 for the Women’s Health Program pre-monitoring visit. She will return in February for the Policy/Procedure audit and in April for the record audit. This audit will be for the Family Planning and Maternal Health programs.
- **Maternal Health** – Ms. Surles reported the clinic continues to provide pregnancy care services with 198 visits in December. Tammy Smith RN transferred from Home Health and will be working in the Maternal Health clinic. She is currently enrolled in the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Enhanced Role Registered Nurse (ERRN) training course. We have partnered with the State Dental Program and East Carolina University Dental School to provide a Perinatal Oral Health Pilot Program for our prenatal clients. Crystal Sanders, State Dental Hygienist is stationed here in our Maternal Health clinic 3 days a week. She performs the dental screening and makes referrals as needed.
- **STD Clinic** – Ms. Surles states that services are provided Monday thru Friday. Clients are evaluated and treated by an STD ERRN who works under standing orders or through one of our provider’s orders. We will have additional coverage for the STD ERRN once she completes the state training. The Communicable Disease (CD) nurse also follows up on repeat PAP Smears and PAP referrals. She is also the provider for the Women’s Wellness Clinic when appointments are requested. On January 10th the state consultants visited for our CD/STD Program Audit which went well. This audit is performed every 3 years.
- **Laboratory** – Ms. Surles related an audit was conducted last week by Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) with no deficiencies reported. We have a new Medical Lab Technician, Amanda Dawson who started on January 23, 2017.

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- **Billing** – Ms. Surles related we are in process of hiring a billing clerk to replace one of our clerks who transferred to another position with the Health Department.

Environmental Health – Graham Byrd related that employee Andrew Currin is working with the state consultant to proceed with the authorization in Onsite Wastewater. Weather and soil conditions have dried out and back to normal. The north side of the county is still receiving the majority of new septic applications. Food & Lodging numbers are doing well with inspections.

Home Health – Mr. Rouse spoke about the upcoming sell of Home Health with Kindred Home Health. We are scheduled to close and sale on February 28, 2017. One nurse who is with Home Health will be leaving to work with Kindred Home Health. The other remaining nurse will be moving to a position in the health department. At this time Home Health has a total of 39 short term patients.

Aging – Mr. Rouse related that during Open Enrollment, October 15, 2016 through December 07, 2016, the Division on Aging/RSVP Medicare Program served 709 people and helped save a total of \$526,349.00 in prescription drug costs in Harnett County. Tax assistance services are available for the elderly and disabled January 31, 2017 through April 13, 2017. This program is sponsored by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) grant, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Tax preparation is available at the following locations Lillington- The Harnett County Library, Erwin- The Erwin Library, and Coats- The Coats Senior Center.

Current/ Upcoming Events – Ms. Debra Harris-Hawkins spoke about the Go Red Lunch & Learn that is sponsored by Harnett County Department of Public Health and Harnett Health. The event will be held in the Governmental Complex Commons Area on Friday, February 3, 2017 from 11:30am-1:00pm. The program is a free informative luncheon with presentations on heart disease and the latest heart health information, guest speaker Manesh Thomas, MD, FACC, FSCAI. Give Kids a Smile event will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 9:00am-1:00pm at East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine Community Service Learning Center. The event is a free event for uninsured children ages 1-13 years. They will be providing dental exams, cleaning, sealants, fluoride treatments, oral hygiene and health screenings.

Closed Session – There was no need for closed session.

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New Business – Chairman Williams opened the floor for New Business. Being none
Chairman Williams closed New Business.

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rouse, Jr.
Health Director

Dr. Auston “Trey” C. Williams, III, Chairman